To: Strauss, Alexis[Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov] Glenn, William[Glenn.William@epa.gov]; Herrera, Angeles[Herrera.Angeles@epa.gov]; Cc: Manzanilla, Enrique[Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov]; Huitric, Michele[Huitric.Michele@epa.gov] From: Huitric, Michele Mon 8/21/2017 11:02:31 PM Sent: Subject: Anaconda statements Alexis, The KUNR interview tomorrow at 9:40 am is with Noah Glick, the station's environment reporter. In recent weeks he has asked R9 some questions about NDEP's request that EPA defer National Priorities List determination, while NDEP oversees the cleanup of the Anaconda Mine Site. R9 responded with the two statements listed below. Before the interview starts tomorrow, I will remind the reporter that you are there to discuss the wetlands grant. I will also have a hard copy of the statements with me for your reference, if needed. Please let me know if any additional information would be helpful. Thanks, Michele Initial statement:

On July 31, the EPA received a letter from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. The letter requested EPA defer National Priorities List determination, while NDEP oversees the cleanup of the Anaconda Mine Site. The EPA is currently evaluating NDEP's request. The Anaconda Mine Site would remain on the EPA's list of proposed National Priorities List sites. The EPA is committed to continuing to work with NDEP, the Yerington Paiute Tribe, the Walker River Paiute Tribe, the local community, the Bureau of Land Management and the Atlantic Richfield Company to clean up the Anaconda Mine site.

Clarification statement:

To clarify: If the EPA agrees to deferment, the Anaconda Mine Site would remain on the EPA's list of proposed National Priorities List sites until de-proposed after the site is completely cleaned up.